



# green tips

## GREEN WEEK 2014

"Water Day" - February 13



Click the faucet to calculate how much water a leaky faucet wastes!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Water is one of the most precious resources needed for survival and for performing daily tasks. It is called the universal solvent because more substances dissolve in it than any other. The City uses on average, from its 15 operating wells, 9.25 million gallons of water daily. That's like filling up 185,000 50 gallon bath tubs or 15 ½ Fairfax Swimming Pools per day! Though fresh water is in abundance locally, droughts remind us how valuable it can be. For this day of Green Week, do what you can to help the "Clearwater City" use water wisely.



video:



**"TIME'S UP"**  
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### EVERYDAY WATER SENSE TIPS:

- Check to see if your water meter's numbers move when water is not being used. If they do you have a leak somewhere to find and fix.
- Check if you have a leaky toilet by putting some drops of food coloring into your reservoir tank. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak to fix.
- Reduce water use in an older toilet by displacing its tank volume. Insert an old water bottle filled with small rocks or buy a commercial "tank bank" version.
- Use a 5-minute shower timer to take quicker showers and shower every other day. Studies show being "too clean" can be bad for your health and during winter hot water can dry out your skin.
- For improved efficiency buy **WaterSense** labeled products such as low-flow/dual-flush toilets, low-flow shower heads, aerators and/or auto shut-offs on faucets, etc.
- Use a reusable water bottle to get enough water each day and to use less dishes/disposable water bottles.
- Keep a pitcher of tap water in the refrigerator so you don't have to run the tap to get water cold.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl instead of running the faucet, then use the water for household plants.
- If you have a water-softener have a professional inspect it for optimal settings to reduce the amount of salt discharged into local water bodies.
- Use only environmentally-preferred ice melt rather than salt (sodium chloride).

### WATER USAGE CITY OPERATIONS

Year	Centum Cubic Feet (CCF)
2007	55,929
2008	65,701
2009	61,301
2010	56,346
2011	59,104
2012	74,720*
2013	68,657
	* Record-breaking Heat

